Remarks/Arguments:

This amendment is a response to the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2005.

In that action, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Additionally, the Examiner rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has cancelled claim 7. Thus, the Examiner's rejection of claim 7 and objections to the drawings are now moot.
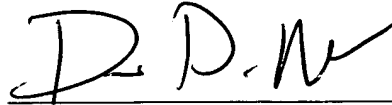
In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Domke (US 5,727,881). Applicant has amended claim 1 to overcome the rejection. Additionally, Applicant has cancelled claim 6 and incorporated those limitations into claim 1. Applicant has amended claim 10 for grammatical reasons.

The essence of the invention of claim 1 is found in the claimed combination of the inner rail member having a uniform thickness and elevation mounted on said base wherein the inner rail is positioned between the film and the base. The position of the inner rail member of claim 1 provides a passage or channel for the gases to escape by placing the inner rail between the base and the film further provides for the necessary movement of the flexible film to permit gas to pass through the passageway. The Domke reference does not depict inner rails located between the flexible film and the base. Domke places the "spacer strips" 13, 14 above the film rather than between the film and the base. In the configuration described in Figure 3 of Domke, the flexible film does not adequately provide for the necessary movement of the flexible film as required in the current invention.

Accordingly, the Applicant requests allowance of claims 1-5 and 8-10 of the pending

application.

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